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SUBJECT: OASGA 8 - DOMINICAN FOREIGN MINISTER' S SPEECH

1. AS AT LAST YEAR' S OASGA SESSION, DOMINICAN FONMIN GOMEZ BERGES SERVED UP ILL- FOCUSED SPEECH WITH POMPOUS ORATORICAL FLOURISH. HIS CONCERN, WHICH COULD HAVE BEEN MUCH BETTER STATED, SEEMED TO BE THAT HEMISPHERIC SOLIDARITY WAS BEING DISRUPTED BY QUOTE SYSTEMATIC NEGATIVISM UNQUOTE WHICH MANAGED PORTRAY EVERYTHING THAT HAPPENED IN ITS WORST LIGHT.

2. THE DR HAD BEEN SPECIAL TARGET OF THIS VICIOUSLY DELIBERATE EFFORT-- THE MORE THE DR SUCCEEDED IN BUILDING INSTITUTIONS AND STRENGTHENING ITS ECONOMY, THE MORE MALEVOLENT PROPAGANDA WAS SPREAD ABROAD (SOME OF IT IN- SPIRED BY DISGRUNTLED MINORITIES). SUCH DISTORTION WAS RAMPANT AFTER RECENT GUERRILLA ATTACK, WHEN SUPPOSEDLY

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REPUTABLE NEWSPAPERS EXPRESSED DOUBT THAT INVASION HAD OCCURRED AT ALL. FORTUNATELY, VISITS OF SECGEN PLAZA, IDB PRESIDENT ORTIZ MENA, AND IBRD VICE PRES. ALTER IN RECENT MONTHS HAVE HELPED PUT DR BACK IN PROPER PERSPECTIVE AS ECONOMICALLY TRUSTWORTHY, POLITICALLY STABLE COUNTRY. ROGERS

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